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MESSAGE from the GOVERNOR of PUERTO RICO

Dear Members of the Club Náutico de San Juan and IBT
71 visitors and participants:

On behalf of the People of Puerto Rico, I extend a warm welcome to the 2024 edition of the San Juan International Billfish Tournament (IBT), hosted by the Club Náutico de San Juan as it celebrates 71 years of uninterrupted sport fishing tradition.

The San Juan IBT is a prestigious event that stands as a testament to Puerto Rico's prominent position in the world of sport fishing. Over the years, this tournament has consistently highlighted our island as a premier destination for anglers from across the globe. This year, the longest consecutively held international big-game fishing tournament in the world continues its legacy, setting a high standard for events of its kind.

The deep blue waters of the Atlantic, adjacent to the historic 500-year-old city of San Juan—a World Heritage site and the oldest city established by Europeans in the United States—provide an exceptional backdrop for this celebrated event. Year after year, fishing enthusiasts are drawn to the unparalleled excitement and thrill that this tournament offers. Moreover, the catch-and-release format of the competition underscores the organizers and participants' dedication to marine life conservation and environmental stewardship.

On behalf of the people of Puerto Rico, I congratulate the Club Náutico de San Juan on reaching this significant milestone and welcome all participants and visitors to our beautiful island. May you have an enjoyable and successful event, and we hope to see you return for many more years to come.

Tight lines and good catch!

Pedro R. Pierluisi





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MESSAGE from the MAYOR of SAN JUAN



WELCOME TO SAN JUAN

On behalf of the People of San Juan, it is my great pleasure to welcome all of you to the 71st edition of the San Juan Yacht Club's International Billfish Tournament. Like every year, it is our privilege once again to welcome anglers from around the globe who gather in our beautiful city for this world-class sporting event.

As the oldest consecutively running tournament of its kind in the world, the International Billfish Tournament represents the very best of sport fishing anywhere: fierce yet friendly competition, adherence to the values of conservation and responsible angling and the celebration of the unique bond that exists between humankind and some of the most beautiful and noble ocean-dwelling creatures.

The chase is thrilling and the catch rewarding. And what better way to relax after a day of intense competition on the open waters of the Atlantic Ocean than to stroll through Old San Juan's wondrous cobblestone streets, with their captivating colonial architecture and fun-filled plazas... I invite you to discover our vibrant art scene, savor our appetizing cuisine and shake it up to the intoxicating rhythms of Puerto Rican music and dance.

And for those who just can't get enough of our azure waters and warm Caribbean sun, San Juan offers miles of stunning beaches on which to water ski, windsurf, parasail or just relax under a coconut tree. So, after the tournament, don't miss the wide array of opportunities for leisure and relaxation San Juan has to offer.

Thank you for being our guests once again this year during the San Juan Yacht Club's IBT71.

I wish all of your tight lines, fair weather, and a successful competition!

Miguel A. Romero Lugo
Mayor
San Juan, Puerto Rico



MESSAGE from the PUERTO RICO TOURISM COMPANY

Welcome to Puerto Rico!

Once again, we meet in Puerto Rico for the 71st International Billfish Tournament at San Juan's renowned Club Náutico. We are confident that you will be thrilled by this year's first-rate competition, as well as by all the qualities and hospitality that make Puerto Rico a premier travel destination.

Fishing can be enjoyed in Puerto Rico year-round, and this cherished annual fishing tradition provides all sports enthusiasts with the perfect setting to enjoy both their passion for big game fishing and our Island's world-famous hospitality. But fishing is just one of the many options fishing, boating, and other watersport fans can partake in. In addition to fishing in "Blue Marlin Alley", teeming with species such as the dorado, mahi-mahi, wahoo, white marlin, and yellowfish, one can opt to jet-sky, sail, surf, kayak or simply relax while sunbathing in some of the most beautiful and accessible beaches in the world.

And the fun for watersport enthusiasts does not stop there. After a day out at sea discover and enjoy the wealth of activities and entertainment available. Puerto Ricans are a people who cherish the opportunity to share our history, beautiful landscapes, national treasures and most especially, our hospitality and zest for life - qualities that make us unique and one of the friendliest destinations in the world. Few places offer the amazing variety of experiences Puerto Rico can provide. Puerto Rico is, as a world class fishing destination, as varied and exceptional as any other destination in the world.

Puerto Rico and the Puerto Rico Tourism Company look forward to an exciting edition of the International Billfish Tournament. I am confident that all the anglers, participants, organizers, and sports enthusiasts who make each Annual Billfish Tournament such a success, will enjoy the big game fishing and social setting that characterizes this event year after year and look forward to welcoming you back to our Island home in the near future.

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MESSAGE from the COMMODORE

August 2024

Dear Friends!

Welcome to Club Náutico de San Juan! We are honored to have you here to enjoy the thrills of the wonderful fishing week that lies ahead.

As we celebrate 71 years of the San Juan International Billfish Tournament, Club Náutico de San Juan is proud of hosting an event where fishing, sportsmanship, and billfish conservation are the key notes of its success. The thrills and expectations of catching a blue during this wonderful fishing week will keep your spirits high. Thanks for honoring our Club and Tournament with your presence and support.

My deepest appreciation and thanks to Chairman Richard Henry Christiansen and his Organizing Committee for the devotion and outstanding job in organizing this landmark event. A very special Thanks to a unique group of Sponsors for the continuous support and commitment that help us keep going strong every year!

Let's enjoy our passion for fishing and strengthen our friendship during this wonderful week that lays ahead! Please feel at home and we'll take care of the rest!

Sincerely,

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MESSAGE from the CHAIRMAN

August, 2024

Dear Anglers and Friends!

Welcome to the 71st edition of the International Billfish Tournament of Club Náutico de San Juan! Last year we celebrated our Platinum edition; 70 years of fishing and friendship which have been the key elements, along with top conservation efforts for the Atlantic Blue, that distinguish us as one of the Top Billfish Tournaments in the world!

I was honored by my peers at the Board of Directors to chair this landmark event once again and It's an honor that I cherish, in sharing this with the great people that preceded me in organizing this one-of-a-kind world fishing tournament.

Last year we had an extraordinary anniversary edition with 252 anglers, 60 battlewagons and 8 countries represented. Being my first Tournament as Chairman, it was an incredible experience for me feeling the great sportsmanship, camaraderie and friendship of everyone I met. Along with a great Organizing Committee, we did our best to make everyone feel at home, enjoy the thrills of hooking a blue, and making new friends from all over the world.

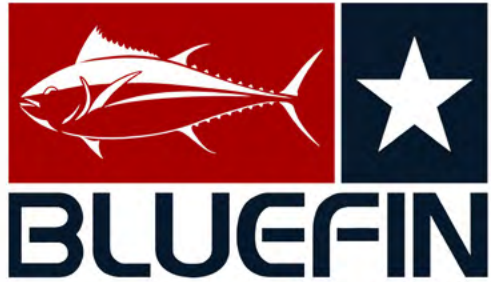
We are blessed to have the finest and most committed group of Sponsors that support our efforts for this prestigious event. Along with our boat owners, they are the backbone so we can go fishing and entertain the finest anglers in the world.

Last, but not least, I want to thank the Board of Directors and the truly committed Organizing Committee for the confidence bestowed upon me once again in chairing another edition of this great Tournament. Enjoy your stay!

Tight Lines!


Richard H. Christiansen Jr.
Chairman
71st International Billfish Tournament





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Tide Predictions for San Juan, Puerto Rico

DAY	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT
Thursday, August 15	10:07 a.m.	-0.04 L	6:01 p.m.	1.76 H
Friday, August 16	11:07 a.m.	-0.01 L	6:54 p.m.	1.84 H
Saturday, August 17	12:08 p.m.	-0.06 L	7:44 p.m.	1.90 H

The Moon will be on its Waxing Gibbous phase from August 15-17

(Tides' information retrieved from 2024 NOAA/NOS/CO-OPS Daily Tide
Predictions for San Juan, PR (San Juan Station ID 9755371) at www.noaa.gov).





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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, August 13	5:00 – 10:00 pm	Registration & Sponsors' Cocktails
Wednesday, August 14	12:00 PM 12:30-1:30 PM 12:00 – 3:30 PM 3:00 PM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM	Captains & Mates' Lunch Captains & Mates Meeting Late Intl. Anglers Registration IGFTOs' Meeting Anglers' Meeting Flag Ceremony & Cocktails
Thursday, August 15	IST Fishing Day 6:00 AM 7:00 AM 7:15 AM 7:45 AM 8:00 AM 5:30 PM 5:30 – 7:30 PM	Breakfast at the Club Anglers ready at dock Boats may depart San Juan – El Morro shoot-out Fishing begins Fishing Ends Dock Party
Friday, August 16	2ND Fishing Day 6:00 AM 7:00 AM 7:30 AM 5:30 PM 7:00 – 11:00 PM	Breakfast at the Club Anglers ready at dock Fishing begins Fishing Ends Tropical Night Party
Saturday, August 17	3RD Fishing Day 6:00 AM 7:00 AM 7:30 AM 4:30 PM 7:00-11:00 PM	Breakfast at the Club Anglers ready at dock Fishing begins Fishing Ends Awards Ceremony & Banquet



AWARDS & TROPHIES

ANGLER

- 1st Place Angler
- 2nd Place Angler
- 3rd Place Angler

BEST ANGLER (OVERALL)

- Murray Products Ralph Christiansen, Jr. Perpetual Trophy

BEST LOCAL ANGLER

- Gustavo Ferrer Perpetual Trophy

LADY ANGLER

- 1st Place Lady Angler
- 2nd Place Lady Angler
- 3rd Place Lady Angler

BOAT

- 1st Place Boat
- 2nd Place Boat
- 3rd Place Boat

BEST BOAT (OVERALL)

- Murray Products Perpetual Award

BEST CAPTAIN

- Capt. Mike Benítez Perpetual Award

TEAMS

- 1st Place Team
- 2nd Place Team
- 3rd Place Team

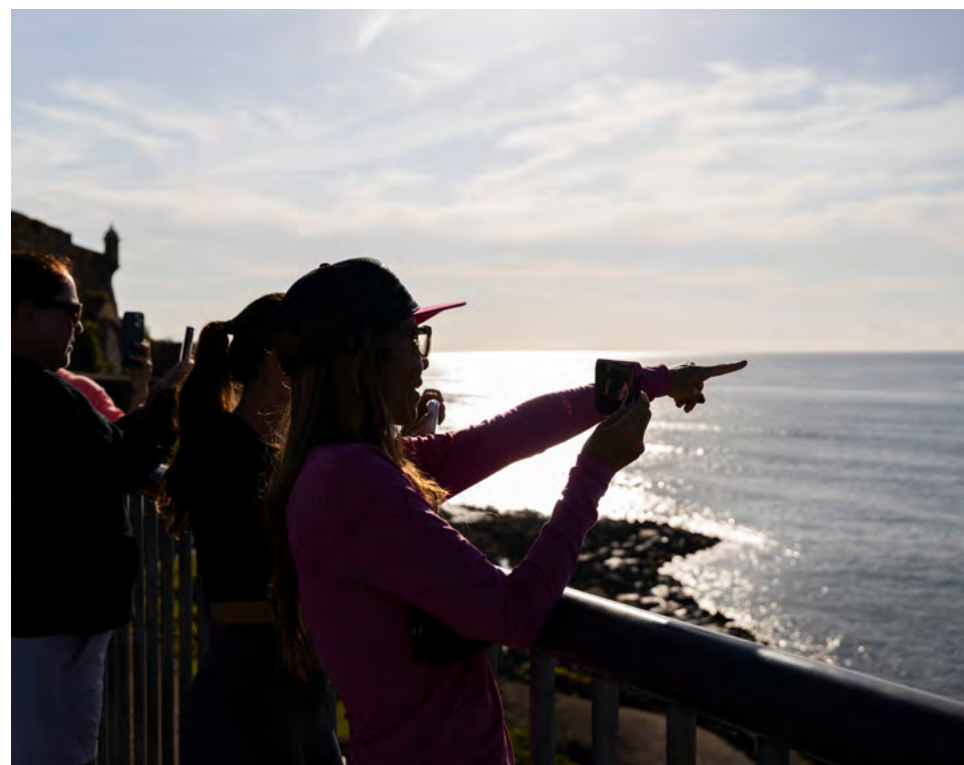
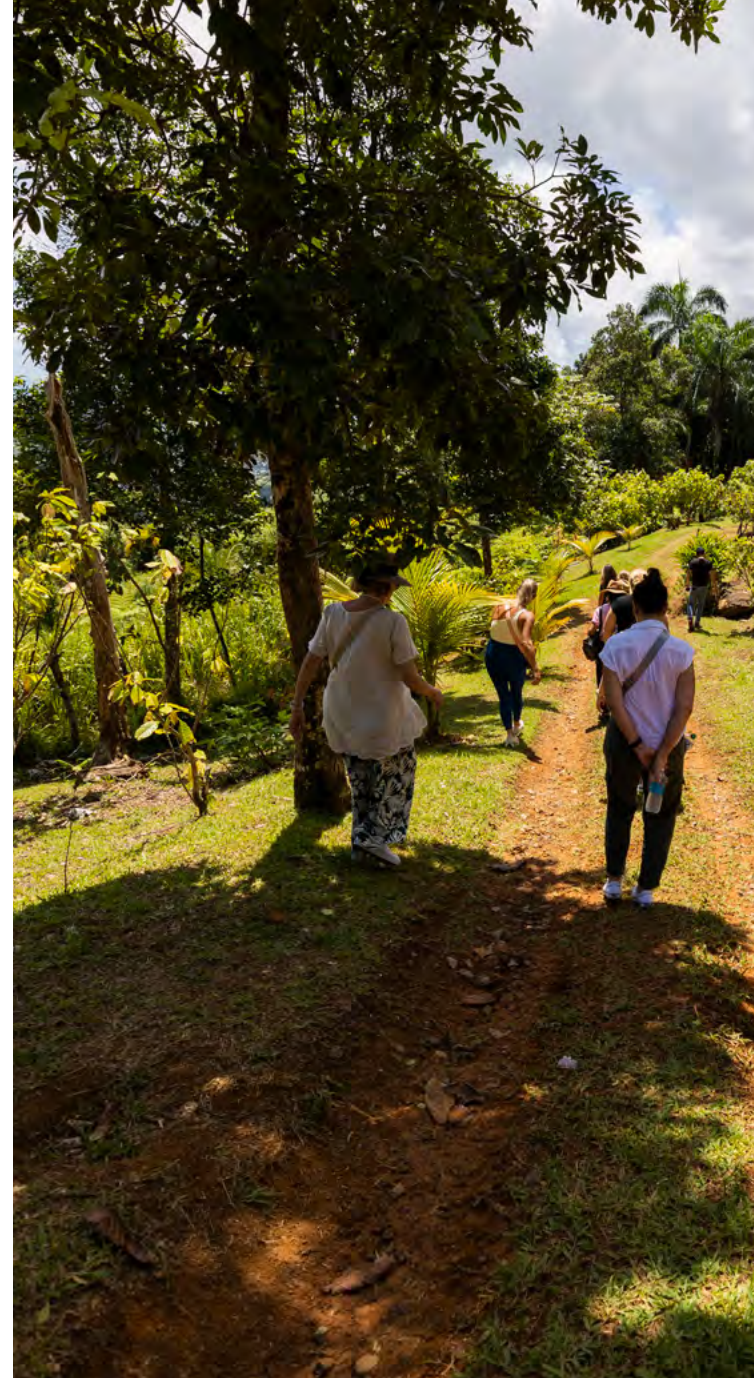
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Tuesday, August 13
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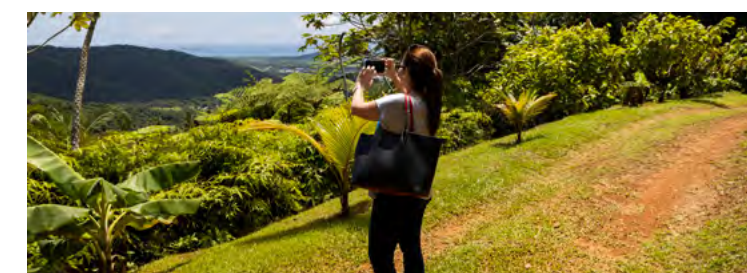
Registration Day & Cocktails
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Wednesday, August 14
5-6:00 p.m.

"Getting To Know You" cocktail party at Club Náutico's
Salón Rojo to know you and mingle while enjoying bubbles & appetizers.
Flag Ceremony

6:00 PM
The traditional Flag Ceremony marks the beginning of a wonderful week of fishing and friendship. (CNS| Pavillion Tent)
(Ladies - Cocktail Attire, Men – Jacket required)

Thursday, August 15 6:00 AM – Breakfast at Club Náutico
6:30 AM – Leave for El Morro Fort to witness our famous Shoot-out! (Bimini Start) - one of the most photographed events in fishing
8:00 AM – Camuy Caverns Tour – Let's enjoy a guided tour of this beautiful caverns' system in the Northwest part of PR. After the tour, we'll go to Arecibo, Surfing Capital of PR for lunch. (Comfy and fresh attire, walking, non-slippery shoes, small lantern, NO open shoes, sleeves tank tops and/or spaguetti straps, shorts or bermudas for security reasons)
4:00 PM – Back in San Juan
5:30 PM – Dock Party



Friday, August 16 **Sip & Paint - Let's bring out your inner artist** and create your own piece while sipping champagne, painting and having lunch. (CNS| Ballroom)
11:00 am. Painting 1:30 p.m. Lunch

Friday, August 16 **IBT 71 Tropical Night Party** – celebrate with us the longstanding tradition of fishing and friendship of our International! Prepare yourself to dance the night away!! (CNS| Pavillion Tent) 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 17 **IBT 71 Awards Ceremony & Banquet**
Put on your best attire to celebrate a memorable anniversary edition, great fishing and wonderful friends! (Women – cocktail dress; Men – jacket and tie required.) (CNS| Pavillion Tent)
7:00 – 11:00 p.m.





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3rd Best Team	TEAM PR 6 Juan Carlos Puig Julio Rodríguez Joselo Hernández
BEST LADY ANGLER	ANA MALDONADO LALA
2nd Best Lady Angler	GLORIA CARRERO FIJA
BEST VISITING ANGLER	VAN WITHERS
BEST ANGLER	ISAIAS MORA PILLO
2nd Best Angler 3rd Best Angler	Carlos Padrón Van Witches
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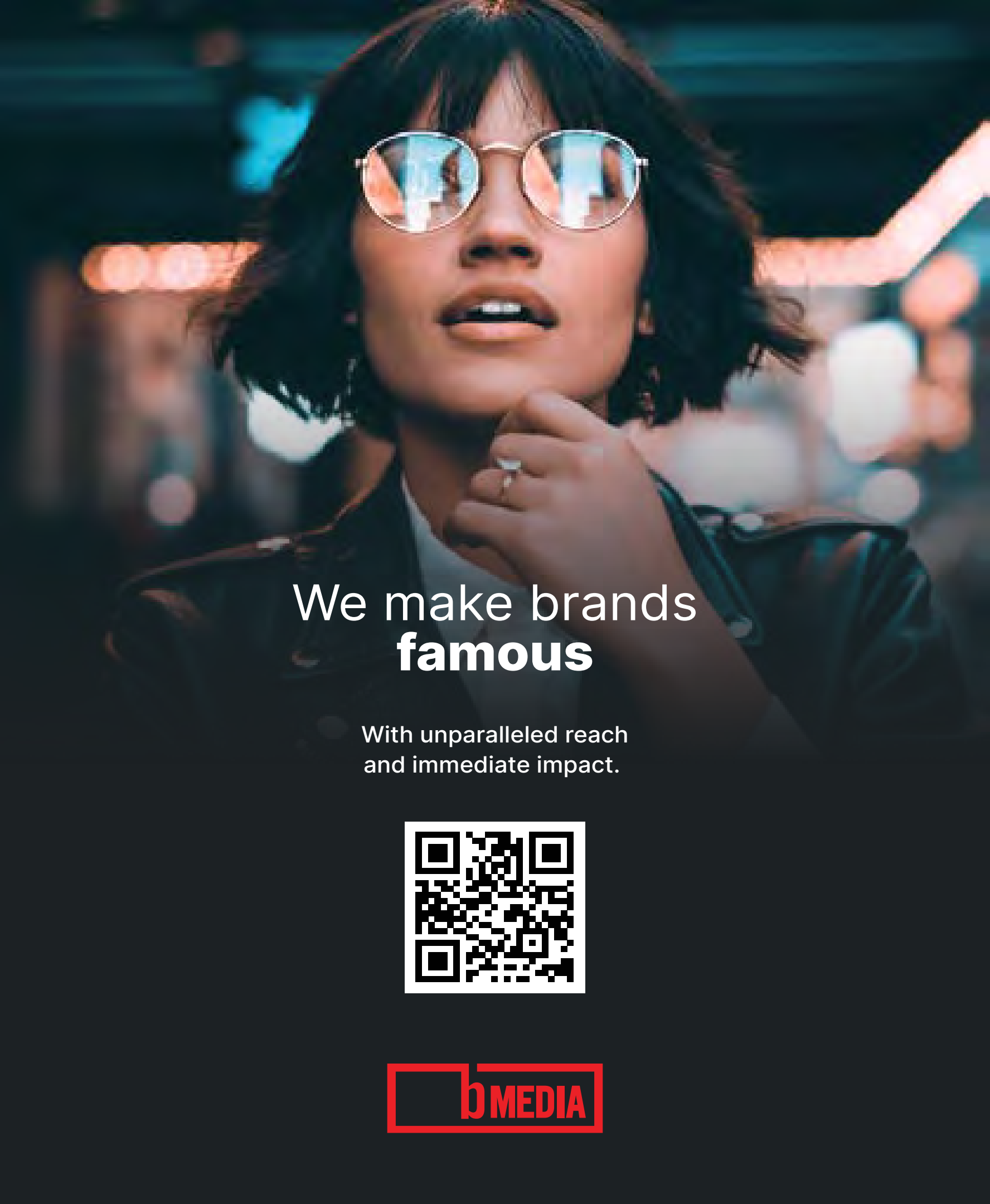


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No.	Date	Moon	Day	Commodore	Chairman	Winning Team	Country	First Individual Angler Overall	Fish	Weight	Points	Biggest Blue Marlin	Weight	Line	Billfish	Released Caught	Total	Days
1	Oct. 12-16, 1954	Last Quarter	18	Miguel Ferrer, Jr.	Chilo Bird	Club Náutico de S.J.	P.R.	Miguel Ferrer, Jr.	2	124-120	448	Juan Casellas, Jr.	181	80	13		4	
2	Oct. 24-29, 1955	Full Moon	31	Carlos Gual, Jr.	Chilo Bird	Club Náutico de S.J.	P.R.	Rafael Figueroa	1	193	386	Rafael Figueroa	193	50	2		4	
3	Oct. 12-19, 1956	Full Moon	19	Carlos Gual, Jr.	Chilo Bird	Cangrejos Yacht Club	P.R.	Juan Casellas, Jr.	1	141	470	Charles D. Conway	322	80	13		4	
4	Oct. 5-9, 1957	Full Moon	8	Charles D. Conway	Chilo Bird	Miami Rod & Reel Club	U.S.A.	Jack Mahoney	1	211	422	Jack Mahoney	211	50	6		4	
5	Oct. 19-24, 1958	First Quarter	19	Charles D. Conway	Chilo Bird	Washington Capital	U.S.A.	Jim O'Donnell	1	304	608	Jim O'Donnell	304	50	12		4	
6	Oct. 19-24, 1959	Full Moon	24	Charles D. Conway	Chilo Bird	Caza y Pesca de Arecibo	P.R.	Juan Casellas, Jr.	1	521	1042	Juan Casellas, Jr.	521	50	4		4	
7	Sept. 29/Oct. 2, 1960	First Quarter	28	René Umpierre	Chilo Bird	Miramar Fishing Club	P.R.	Arturo Naveira, Jr.	3	135-175-150	920	John Casullo	301	50	20		4	
8	Oct. 6-10, 1961	New Moon	9	René Umpierre	Chilo Bird	Flying Fisherman Club	P.R.	José Luis Campos	1	466	580	José Luis Campos	464	80	9		4	
9	Sept. 5-9, 1962	First Quarter	8	Arturo Simonpietri	Raymond Garffer	Washington Capital	U.S.A.	Paul Mumford	3	110-122-122	709	Willie Biscombe	206	80	19		4	
10	Sept. 24-29, 1963	First Quarter	27	Félix Luis Thillet	Roberto Homar	Cangrejos Yacht Club	P.R.	Alfonso Díaz	1	224	448	Barney Ruck	275	80	19		4	
11	Sept. 9-13, 1964	First Quarter	13	Rubén Gaztambide	Roberto Homar	Flying Fisherman Club	P.R.	Ramón Lavandero	1	470	589	Ramón Lavandero	470	80	29		4	
12	Sept. 29/ 1965	First Quarter	2	Rubén Gaztambide	Bruno Rodríguez	Miramar Fishing Club	P.R.	Roberto Homar	3	177-157-143	936	Jack Schaller	643	80	35		4	
13	Sept. 18-24, 1966	First Quarter	21	Carlos Merino	Jim Cuebas	Vikings Fishing Club	P.R.	Tommy Látimer	1	350	430	Tommy Látimer	350	80	23		4	
14	Oct. 2-7, 1967	First Quarter	9	Carlos Merino	José Higuera	Dayton Fishing Club	P.R.	Cándido García	3	100-108-204	921	Henry Gutiérrez	380	50	21		4	
15	Sept. 24-28, 1968	First Quarter	29	José A. Suro	Chilo Bird	United Kingdom	U.K.	Junior Del Valle	2	123-126	498	Dionisio Trigo	265	80	24		4	
16	Sept. 14-20, 1969Q	First Quarter	19	José A. Suro	Celestino Morales	Club Náutico de S.J.	P.R.	Roberto Homar	2	304-126	860	Roberto Homar	304	50	40		4	
17	Sept. 3-6, 1970	First Quarter	8	José A. Suro	Ralph Christiansen, Jr.	Cuba Libre	P.R.	Gonzalo Ferrer	2	635-159	794	Gonzalo Ferrer	635	80	18		3	
18	Sept. 22-25, 1971	First Quarter	27	Jim Cuebas	Roberto Homar	Bermuda Anglers	Bermuda	Howard Marirea	3	412-192-147	1173	Miguel Vázquez	505	50	39		3	
19	Sept. 13-16, 1972	First Quarter	13	Jim Cuebas	José L. Campos	Miramar Fishing Club	P.R.	Alfonso Díaz	2	362-161	1046	Alfonso Díaz	362	50	19		3	
20	Aug. 29/Sept. 3, 1973	First Quarter	4	Ralph Christiansen, Jr.	Gustavo Benítez	Club Náutico de S.J.	P.R.	Jesús Vela	1	680	850	Jesús Vela	680	80	44		3	
21	Sept. 18-21, 1974	First Quarter	23	Ralph Christiansen, Jr.	Gustavo Benítez	Bermuda Anglers	Bermuda	Arturo Naveira	3	193-152-130	950	Eddie Johnson	331	80	49		3	
22	Sept. 11-14, 1975	First Quarter	12	Ralph Christiansen, Jr.	Gustavo Benítez	U.S. Virgin Islands	U.S.V.I.	Jesús Vela	2	148-211	718	José Ramírez	355	50	31		3	
23	Sept. 3-6, 1976	Full Moon	8	Pedro Gavillán	Gustavo Benítez	U.S. Virgin Islands	U.S.V.I	Carmina Miller	2	259-382	801	Fernando Germán	719	80	29		3	
24	Aug. 25-28, 1977	Full Moon	28	Gustavo Benítez	Eugene Miller	Club Náutico de S.J.	P.R.	Celestino Morales	3	127-329-336	990	Miguel Correa	493	80	52		3	
25	Sept. 13-16, 1978	Full Moon	16	Gustavo Benítez	LeRoy S. Camero	México	México	Humberto Donato	2	430-184	768	Wilo Fuertes	527	80	31		3	
26	Aug. 31/Sept.3, 1979	First Quarter	30	LeRoy S. Camero	LeRoy S. Camero	Club Náutico de S.J.	P.R.	Manuel Botello	2	212-284	620	Manuel Botello	496	80	7		3	
27	Aug. 21-24, 1980	Full Moon	26	LeRoy S. Camero	LeRoy S. Camero	South Africa	S.A.	Arturo Acosta	2	318-260	719	Luis M. Fernández	485	80	32		3	
28	Sept. 3-6, 1981	First Quarter	6	LeRoy S. Camero	Raymond Suárez	Dominican Republic	D.R.	Rubén Cortina	1	504	630	Rubén Cortina	504	80	43		3	
29	Sept. 2-5, 1982	Full Moon	3	LeRoy S. Camero	Luis Acosta	Club Náutico de S.J.	P.R.	Luis A. Regis	2	349-156	688	Agie Vicente	430	80	44		3	
30	Sept. 12-18, 1983	First Quarter	14	LeRoy S. Camero	Luis Acosta	Dominican Republic	D.R.	Luis M. Fernández	4	264-195-80-104	1239	Luis M. Fernández	484	80	108		4	
31	Sept. 3-9, 1984	Full Moon	16	LeRoy S. Camero	Bruno Rodríguez	Club Náutico de S.J.	P.R.	Luis Acosta Benítez	3	469-392-1051	208	Luis Acosta Benítez	469	80	79		4	
32	Aug. 26/Sept. 3, 1985	Full Moon	30	Alfonso Díaz	Juan N. Torruella	Spanish Point Boat Club	Bermuda	Raymond Suárez	2	116-536	815	Raymond Suárez	536	80	66		4	
33	Aug. 18-24, 1986	Full Moon	19	Alfonso Díaz	Henry C. Rexach	Club Laguna Mar	Venezuela	William M. Cain	3	80-90-302	715	Billy W. Dill	446	80	100		4	
34	Aug. 31/Sept.6, 1987	Full Moon	7	Alfonso Díaz	Henry C. Rexach	C.N. Santo Domingo	D.R.	Javier Rodríguez	2	360-387	934	Ricardo Mota	705	80	45	86	131	4
35	Aug. 14-20, 1988	First Quarter	20	Alfonso Díaz	Henry C. Rexach	C.N. Santo Domingo	D.R.	Emilio Rojas Amador	3	200-257-683	1375	Emilio Rojas Amador	683	80	34	156	190	4
36	Sept. 3-9, 1989	First Quarter	8	Esteban Bird	Ralph A. Vicente	Club Náutico de S.J.	P.R.	Charles Donato	3	200-200-467	867	Rafael Pérez Prandy	647	80	18	97	115	4
37	Sept. 3-8, 1990	Full Moon	5	Esteban Bird	Ralph A. Vicente	Press Anglers Club	U.S.A.	José Pérez Ferrari	3	300-322-300	922	Sharon Torruella	679	80	14	150	164	4
38	Sept. 14-20, 1991	Full Moon	23	Esteban Bird	Ralph A. Vicente	United States Anglers	U.S.A.	Theodore Shoelman	4	300-300-300-300	1200	Brian Varga	541	80	6	110	116	4
39	Sept. 5-11, 1992	Full Moon	11	Esteban Bird	Ralph A. Vicente	United States Anglers	U.S.A.	Ramona Caldwell	3	602-300-300	1202	Ramona Caldwell	602	80	13	81	94	4
40	Aug. 28/Sept.3, 1993	Full Moon	1	Andrés Nevares	Luis Valdejuli	Club Náutico de S.J.	P.R.	Antonio López	3	325-325-325	975	Joey Short	462	80	12	139	151	4
41	Sept. 10-16, 1994	First Quarter	12	Héctor Torres	Luis Valdejuli	Club Náutico de S.J.	P.R.	Blas Ferraoui	3	325-325-325	975	Wilfredo García	643	80	3	93	96	4
42	Aug. 31/Sept. 9, 1995	Full Moon	8	Héctor Torres	Mickey Tirado	Club Náutico de S.J.	P.R.	José Puig	2	400-400	800	VACANT	N/A	80	0	9	9	1
43	Aug. 24-30, 1996	Full Moon	30	José Terrassa	Luis Valdejuli	Club Náutico de S. J.	P.R.	Lorenzo Vigier	4	400-400-400-400	1600	Leonel Ortiz	666	80	4	102	106	4
44	Aug. 12-17, 1997	Full Moon	18	José Terrassa	Luis Valdejuli	Dominican Republic	D.R.	Dino Chouest	6	400-400-400-400-400	2,400	Luis Viyella	895.5	80	4	168	172	4
45	Sept. 1-6, 1998	Full Moon	6	José Terrassa	Alberto "Pipo" Gual	Club Náutico de S.J.	P.R.	James Cleary	5	450-450-450-400-400	2,150	Lorenzo Vigier	607.5	80	1	167	168	4
46	Aug. 15-21, 1999	First Quarter	18	José Terrassa	Alberto "Pipo" Gual	Dominican Republic I	D.R.	Paul González	3	450-450-450	1,350	Alejandro Grillasca	540	80	2	119	121	4
47	Sept. 3-10, 2000	First Quarter	5	Richard H. Christiansen	Alberto "Pipo" Gual	San Juan 4	P.R.	Ivy Vargas	5	450-450-450-450-400	2,200	VACANT	N/A	80	0	110	110	4
48	Aug. 28-Sept. 2, 2001	Full Moon	2	Richard H. Christiansen	Gustavo Hermida	US 01	U.S.A	Yamil Kury	3	450-450-450	1,350	VACANT	N/A	50/80	0	61	61	3
49	Aug. 11-18, 2002	First Quarter	15	Richard H. Christiansen	Gustavo Hermida	USA 08	U.S.A	José M. León	3	510-510-510	1,530	Jesús M. Vela, Jr.	615.5	80/50	1	60	60	3
50	Aug. 31-Sept. 6, 2003	First Quarter	3	Richard H. Christiansen	Mickey Tirado	Puerto Rico 05	P.R.	Luis Santana	3	500-500-500	1,500	All Release	N/A	50	0	130	130	4
51	Aug. 15-22, 2004	First Quarter	23	Richard H. Christiansen	Mickey Tirado	CNSJ	P.R.	Rafael Castro	2	500-500	1,000	All Release	N/A	50	0	75	75	4
52	Sept. 10-17, 2005	Full Moon	17	Richard H. Christiansen	Ricky LeFranc	PR 16	P.R.	José Valdés	3	500-500-500	1,500	All Release	N/A	50	0	103	103	4
53	Aug. 27 - Sept. 3, 2006	First Quarter	31	Richard H. Christiansen	Ricky LeFranc	USA 03	USA	Rafael Caicedo	3	500-500-400	1,400	All Release	N/A	50	0	98	98	4
54	August 11-22, 2007	First Quarter	26	Ralph "Agie" Vicente	Luis Infanzón	USA 06	USA	Hary Sargeant	4	400, 450, 450, 450	1,750	All Release	N/A	50	0	79	79	4
55	August 11-27, 2008	Full Moon	16	Ralph "Agie" Vicente	Gonzalo Ferrer	USA 02	USA	Rene Ramirez	3	400, 400, 400	1,200	All Release	N/A	50	63	63		4
56	Aug. 28-Sept. 3, 2009	Full Moon	4	Ralph "Agie" Vicente	Gonzalo Ferrer	USA 02	USA	Carlos Ramirez	4	400, 400, 400,400	1,600	All Release	N/A	50	99			4
57	Aug. 16-22, 2010	Half Moon	16	Ralph "Agie" Vicente	Frankie Mirandes	USA	USA	Federico Lopez Juarbe	3	400, 400, 400	1,200	All Release	N/A	50	N/A	69	69	4
58	Sept. 4-11, 2011	Full Moon	12	Gustavo Hermida	Frankie Mirandés	Dominican Republic	DOM	Juan "Tito " Soto Balbás	4	400,400,400,400	1,600	All Release	N/A	50	N/A	84	84	3
59	Sept. 23-30, 2012	Full Moon	30	Gustavo Hermida	Miguel Donato	Club Náutico de S.J.	PUR	Miguel Sosa	6	400,400,400,400, 400, 400	2,400	All Release	N/A	50	N/A	102	102	4
60	Sept. 15-21, 2013	Full Moon	8	Gustavo Hermida	Miguel Donato	Ecuador	ECU	Jaime Fullana	4	230,230,325,325	1,110	All Release	N/A	50/30	N/A	145	145	4
61	Sept. 6-9, 2014	Full Moon	8	Alberto Gual	Ricky Jaén	Puerto Rico	PUR	Rhameses Carazo	2	325,325	650	All Release	N/A	50/30	N/A	42	42	4
62	Sept. 24-30, 2015	Full Moon	28	Alberto Gual	Ricky Jaén	USA	USA	Carlos Chapel	3	325,325,325	975	All Release	N/A	30	N/A	79	79	4
63	Sept. 12-18, 2016	Full Moon	26	Alberto Gual	Salvador Egea, Jr.	USA	USA	Harris Lamont	3	250,250,250	750	All Release	N/A	30/50	N/A	58	58	4
64	Dec. 8-10, 2017	Last Quarter	10	José Vizcarrondo	Salvador Egea, Jr.	CNSJ 01	PUR	Humberto Martínez	2	410, 410	820	All Release	N/A	20/30	N/A	21	21	2
65	Oct. 15-21, 2018	First Quarter	17	José Vizcarrondo	Salvador Egea, Jr.	CNSJ 10	PUR	Juan José Colón	3	300, 300, 300	900	All Release	N/A	20/30	N/A	89	89	4
66	Aug. 12-18, 2019	Full Moon	15	José Vizcarrondo	Salvador Egea, Jr.	CNSJ 09	PUR	Charles Berkley	2	300-300	600	All Release	N/A	50	N/A	56	56	3
67	Nov. 6-7, 2020	Wanning Gibbous	6	José Vizcarrondo	Roger Casellas	N/A		Luis Córdova	4	300-300-130-130	860	All Release	N/A	50	N/A	38	38	2
68	Aug. 17-22, 2021	Full Moon	22	Carlos J. Ramírez	Roger Casellas	USA	USA	David Iglesias	2	300-300	600	All Release	N/A	50	N/A	66	66	3
69	Aug. 22-26, 2023	First Quarter	24	Carlos J. Ramírez	Roger Casellas	PUR	PR	Carlos L. Rodríguez	2	300-300	600	All Release	N/A	50	N/A	50		3
70	Aug. 22-26, 2023	First Quarter	24	Carlos J. Ramírez	Richard Henry Christiansen	PUR	PR	Carlos L. Rodríguez	2	300-300	600	All Release	N/A	50	N/A	50		3

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Ralph “Agie” Vicente is a talented businessman, angler and billfish conservation advocate who has dedicated more than half a century to sportfishing.

His advocacy goes back to the 1980s when, having practiced the sport, he embarked on the quest of conservation. His endeavor has never stopped and he engages with new and old friends alike, sharing with them his love for deep sea fishing and the importance of protecting the ocean’s ecosystems.

Agie has travelled extensively to fish, promote fishing and conservation, attend sport-related seminars and meetings. He likes entering tournaments and visiting with new and old fellow anglers.

He was part of that very first group within Club Nautico de San Juan (CNSJ) that adopted the “Tag & Release” format for the 1987 IBT, even before the United States made it mandatory through the Magnuson-Stevens Act (1989). The group included Jaime Fullana, Ralph Christiansen, Jr. (RIP), Henry Rexach (RIP) and others.

Later on came the “All Release” quest and those outstanding first efforts to deploy electronic devices to track the migratory patterns of billfish. He has always been at the forefront of new conservation efforts.

Agie’s accomplishments in the billfish and conservation worlds include, but are not limited to:

- IGFA Trustee (International Game Fish Association).
- IGFA Representative for Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.
- Trustee and Co-Founder of The Billfish Foundation.
- Received the Rybovich Lifetime Achievements Award from The Billfish Foundation.
- Promoted the “All Release” format across many Latin American and Caribbean countries.

- Former Commodore of Club Nautico de San Juan.
- Former Board Member of CNSJ.
- Chairman of the International Billfish Tournament of CNSJ for four years.
- Received an IGFA Conservation Award.
- Big Game Room Hall of Fame inductee.
- Keynote conservation speaker and promoter of IGFA rules at the Hemingway Fishing Tournament in Cuba for various years.
- Travelled far and wide to promote conservation in:
 - USA: Florida, North Carolina, Massachusetts, California, Kona in Hawaii, among others
 - Galapagos Island
 - Italy
 - New Zealand
 - Ecuador, Brazil, Venezuela, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Dominican Republic
 - Turks and Caicos; Bahamas - Nassau, Walkers Cay, Abaco Island, Chub Cay
 - St. Thomas and USVI

• This year, 2024, Agie will be inducted in the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame honoring the sport’s luminaries through a rigorous committee process. The International Billfish Tournament, 71st edition, proudly recognizes Agie’s influence in the sportfishing world and dedicates this edition to his outstanding, lifetime work. We know that Agie will keep establishing strategic alliances aimed at achieving the true meaning of sports brotherhood: Fish together; fish for life.



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Team 38 won the Best Team Award with anglers Damon Becnel, Francisco M. Mora and Isaías Mora. All the awards were presented to the winners by Commodore Carlos Ramírez and IBT Chairman Richard H. Christiansen, Jr. Winners were presented with a special edition bronze trophies by sculptor Eric Kaposta; and prizes sponsored by Panerai watches/Club Jibarito, Bluefin/Alutecnos, Mueblerías Berríos, Release Marine, Fin-Nor sunglasses courtesy of Oigear, The Tackle Box, Dalco Power, Ray Marine, The Yacht Garage and Skipper Shop.



1 | BEST TEAM – TEAM #38 with Isaías Mora, Francisco Mora and Damon Becnel won the coveted prize. IBT Chairman Richard Henry Christiansen and Commodore Carlos Ramírez presented the Kaposta awards and Fin-Nor sunglasses to the winners

2 | 2ND BEST TEAM – TEAM PR #12 with anglers Tito Muntaner, Ricardo Quiñones and Joche Valdés took home the award. Commodore Ramírez and Chairman Christiansen presented the Kaposta awards and Fin-Nor sunglasses to Valdés and Quiñones.

3 | 3RD BEST TEAM – TEAM PR #6 anglers Juan Carlos Puig, Joselo Hernández and Julio Rodríguez did great! Chairman Christiansen and Commodore Ramírez presented the Kaposta trophies and Fin-Nor sunglasses for the winners.

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2 | BEST VISITING ANGLER A happy Van Vitchers took home the the award for Best Visiting Angler. He received a Eric Kaposta trophy, Fin-Nor sunglasses, and the Alutecnos 70th edition commemorative reel.

3 | BEST LADY ANGLER Ana Maldonado was the lucky girl to win the Best Lady Angler award on board the Lala. The whole crew celebrated her accomplishments. She took home a Kaposta Sculpture trophy, an Alutecnos 70th Platinum edition Commemorative reel, a pair of Fin-Nor sunglasses and gift certificate from Mueblerías Berríos.

4 | 2ND BEST LADY ANGLER Gloria Carrero onboard the Fija was the other lucky lady of the IBT70th to win. She received a Kaposta bronze sculpture, a pair of Fin Nor sunglasses, a pair of airpods courtesy of Claro, and gift certificate from Mueblerías Berríos.



1 | BEST ANGLER – Isaías Mora fishing onboard Pillo took home the Best Angler awards which included the following coveted prizes – Gustavo Ferrer and Ralph G. Christiansen Perpetula Awards by Murray Products, the Panerai 70th Platinum edition commemorative watch from Club Jibarito, Gary Javier's IBT70 original artwork, and gifts certificates from sponsors Dalco Power and Bluefin/Alutecnos



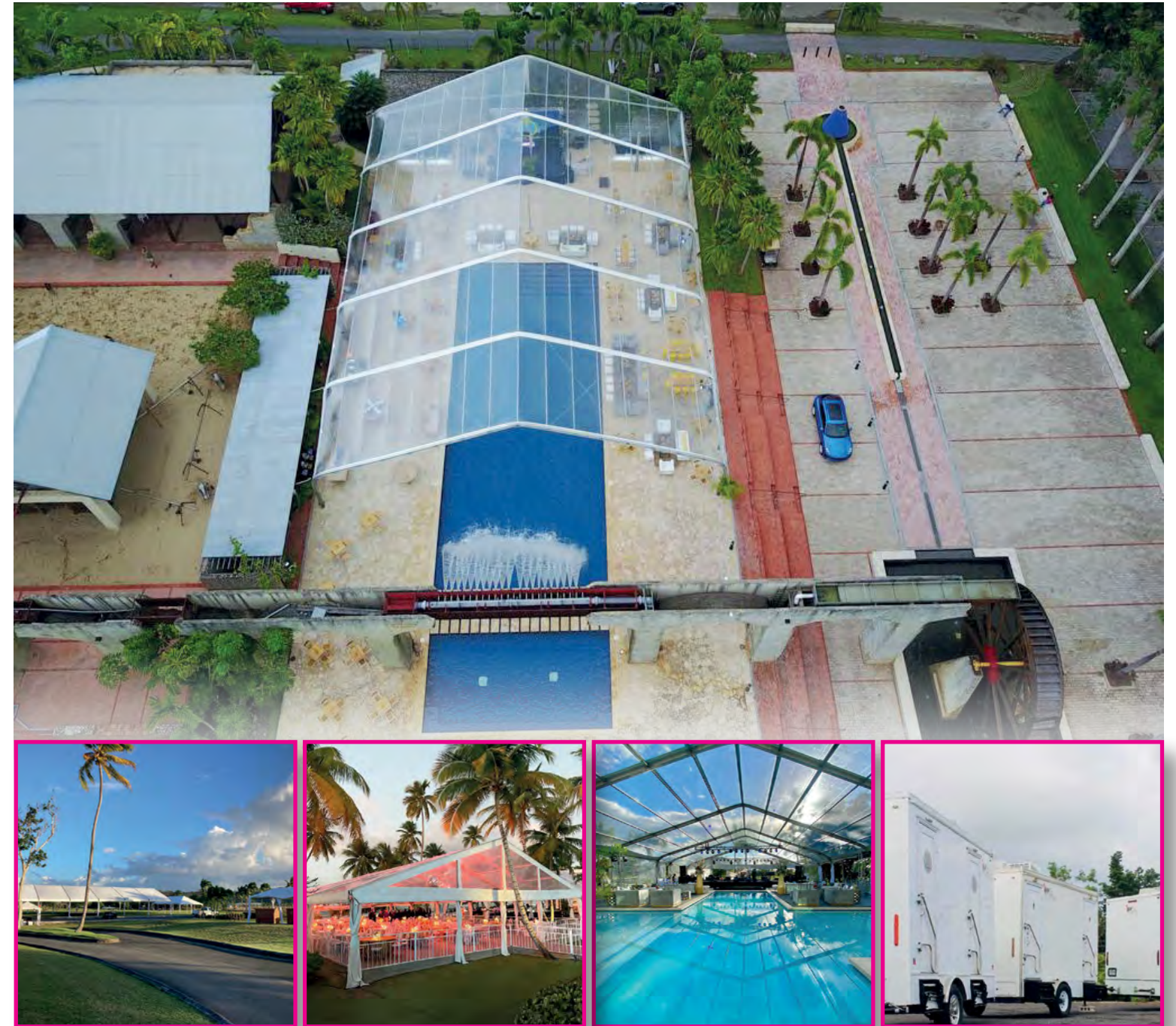
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Thanks to the great captains and crews that performed an outstanding job at the IBT70!



4 | BEST CREW Justin Drummond's crew at the Quantified did a great job to win the coveted prize!

5 | 2ND BEST CREW Angel Maldonado and his crew at Pillo worked hard to take home the award.

6 | 3RD BEST CREW Enrique Maldonado and his peers at the Nage were a very happy crew with their award!

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IBT70 | AWARDS 3 BOATS & CREWS

The Boats were the best at the 70th Platinum edition of the IBT.



1 | BEST BOAT Justin Drummond's boat, Quantified, won the Best Boat of the Platinum edition of the IBT! He took home the Kaposta bronze sculpture trophy, a Lingren Pitman Reel courtesy of The Tackle Box, th Flir Thermal Camera from Ray Marina and gifts certificates from Alutecnos and the Skipper Shop.

2 | 2ND BEST BOAT The 2nd Best Boat award of the Tournament went to Isafías Mora's Pillo.Prizes included a Teak Rocket Launcher courtesy of Release Marine, a Chart Plotter GPS sounder from Ray Marine and gifts certificates from Alutecnos, Yacht Garage, Dalco Power, and Skipper Shop.

3 | 3RD BEST BOAT The 3rd Best Boat of the IBT70 was the Nage! Happy owner Javier Morales received a Teak Step Box courtesy of Release Marine, a Kaposta bronce sculpture, and gifts certificates courtesy of Dalco Power, Bluefin and Alutecnos.



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Larry, el menor de los cinco hijos de Hector Manuel Nadal Camuñas y Gloria Dolores Carrion Ruiz cursó estudios de escuela superior en el Colegio San Ignacio de Loyola, se graduó de la Universidad de Puerto Rico, se casa y se va a trabajar con PPG Paints en Boston, Ma. Allí tuvo dos hijos, Julia y Roberto. Luego establece un negocio y se instala en la ciudad de Sarasota en la Florida. Poco después se divorcia y conoce un nuevo amor, Luisa Mercedes Roselli Angelet, la mujer de su vida ... y por la cual nació ... para complacerla. Con Luisa Mercedes regresa a Puerto Rico y tuvieron dos hijos, Isabel y Luis.

En el 1999 cuando decidiste mudarte de vuelta a Puerto Rico para dedicarte a tu esposa e hijos también cambiaste mi vida y las vidas de muchos otros a tu alrededor. Yo no sería quien soy hoy día de no haber tenido la suerte de compartir contigo esos 23 años. En la pesca o el dominó, para los viajes y las fiestas, en las cenas o los almuerzos, para padecer y celebrar, y para llorar o reír... siempre fuiste el mejor compañero.

Larry tenía una forma extraña de hacerse querer y una atracción que era irresistible, era tan chulo que enamoraba a cualquiera con impertinencias, irreverencias e indiscreciones. Fue un príncipe, definitivamente un miembro de la nobleza, un caballero, franco, fiel, justo, amable, bondadoso y generoso, pero malcriado, salvaje e imprudente ... y así lo queríamos. Para el resto del mundo tú eras solo otra persona, pero para algunas personas tú eras nuestro mundo.

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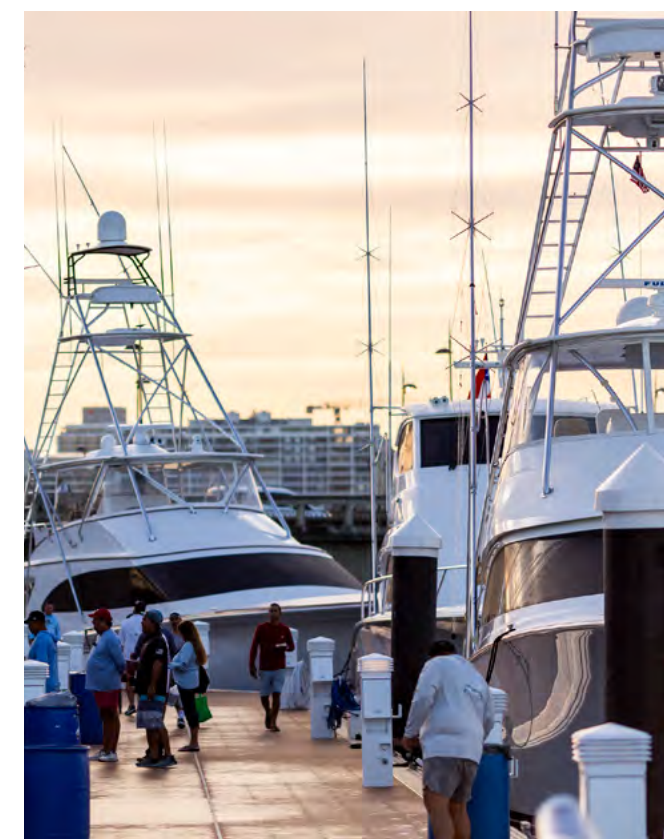
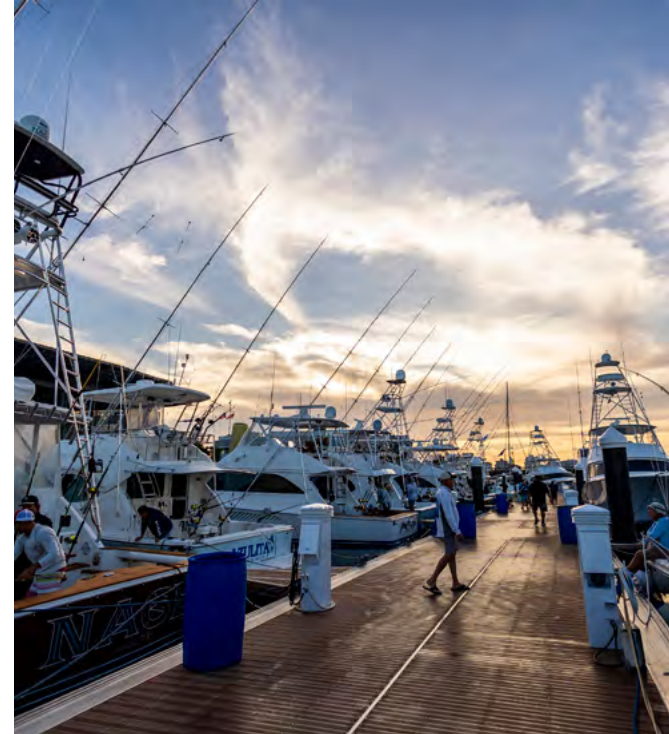
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The Tail of the BIG FISH...

BY ALFREDO RODRÍGUEZ.

Yet once again I've been summoned by my friends at Club Náutico de San Juan to write down a few words regarding the history of the IBT. On this edition of Aguja, I'll go through some historical highlights on the most outstanding catches accomplished during the last 70 years.

The IBT has gone through myriad changes in its format as the years go by. For a long time, Blue Marlin were boated on this World-renowned event. A modified release format was adopted during the 1980s. Gradually, the IBT has gone to an all-release format. This change took place at the beginning of the 21st Century. Allow me to highlight some of the heaviest catches that have been brought to the weigh station in what has been hailed as The Greatest Sport fishing Show on Earth!

The Sixth Edition of the IBT brought to the docks a 521# Blue Marlin by Juan Casellas on 50# test. This catch was the first truly big fish brought to gaff in the IBT. At the time, this was considered nothing short of a spectacular catch given the equipment and angling techniques used back in the day.

Casellas will be fondly remembered as a trailblazer and pioneer in Puerto Rico's fishing history. The 521-pound catch became an IGFA World Record back then!

The 1960's witnessed several notable catches in the IBT as well. José Luis Campos, Ramón Lavandero and USA angler Jack Schaller brought to gaff nice catches weighing in at 464, 470 and a spectacular 643-pound Blue respectively. The 17th Edition ended with another nice 635# fish on Gonzalo Ferrer's rod. This fish was caught on 80# test.

Top shelf angler and Captain Jesús Vela comes in next in line with another formidable 680# Marlin caught during the 1973

Edition of the Tourney, again on 80# test. A colossal 719# pounder on Fernando Germán's rod also has gone down in the books as one of the biggest fish landed in the IBT's records. This catch took place on the 1976 Edition. At least five other Blue Marlin were winners leading up to the 1980s on different Editions of the IBT.

The 1990s yet again were witness to several very nice catches in the IBT. Worth mentioning, a 469# pounder by Luis Acosta Benitez, a 563# pounder by Raymond Suárez, a formidable 705# pounder by Ricardo Mota, a 683# fish by Emilio Rojas Amador, a 647# pounder by Rafael Pérez Prandy and lady angler Sharon Torruella with a beautiful 679# pounder.

The end of the 1990s had a few more outstanding catches namely by USA female angler Ramona Caldwell (602#), Wilfredo García (643), Leonel Ortiz (666) and fellow angler Luis Viyella from the Dominican Republic with the heaviest catch recorded in the IBT's records



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LIGHT TACKLE FISHING

By Alfredo Rodriguez

The true challenge in sport fishing lies in catching the largest specimen on the lightest line of resistance.

“The harder you pull on a marlin, the harder it wants to pull on you.”

Light tackle fishing enjoys immense popularity worldwide, including in the Caribbean.

Pursuing large pelagic, especially in tournaments, used to mean using heavy golden-colored gear like Shimano and Penn 80 and 130. While heavy tackle will always have its place, the undeniable shift towards lighter equipment is increasingly popular among anglers worldwide. It's common to find fishermen now challenging these fish with 30-pound test lines or less.

The major advantage of light tackle fishing is the challenge it presents. It requires more skill and finesse than other fishing methods or equipment. The result is a more challenging and rewarding fishing experience for anglers. Mastering light tackle fishing enhances one's overall fishing skills significantly.

Sport fishing is about the thrill of the fight. If catching your prize is too easy, where's the fun in that? Light tackle is what turns sport fishing into a “sport”!

A Brief History of Light Tackle Fishing

Since the founding of the International Game Fish Association in the late 1930s, catches of various fish species have been classified by the strength of the fishing line: 2#, 4#, 6#, 8#, 12#, 16#, 20#, 30#, 50#, 80#, and 130# for purposes of establishing world records with the IGFA. Capturing a large fish on light line clearly demands skill and experience with rod and reel discipline.

One of the pioneers in this fishing style was Roy B. Dean, who caught numerous billfish on 20# and 30# line in Mexico from the 1930s. In 1948, Dean established the International Light Tackle Tournament Association (ILTTA). The ILTTA initially comprised eleven countries with one club each, including Mexico, USA, Puerto Rico, Panama, Brazil, Venezuela, Costa

Rica, Curacao, Bermuda, South Africa, and Tahiti. Today, ILTTA has expanded to include more clubs and countries, including Guatemala and the Dominican Republic.

Annually, ILTTA hosts at least one light tackle tournament. The coveted trophy for the winning team is the legendary “Big Belt” trophy, passed to the victorious club each year. In 2024, ILTTA will celebrate its 83rd edition in the Dominican Republic.

Light Tackle Fishing in Puerto Rico

In Puerto Rico, the first IGFA world record on light tackle was achieved by J. Alberto Roig with a 30-pound Arctic Bonito on 20# line. Juan Casellas, a prominent Puerto Rican angler, secured three IGFA world records in light tackle during the 1950s, the most notable being a 521-pound blue marlin on 30# line in the 1959 International Tournament of the San Juan Nautical Club. Casellas registered numerous other needlefish and tuna catches on 30# line during the 1950s.

The Puerto Rico Light Tackle Anglers Club was founded in 1962, with Ralphie Christiansen, Bruno Rodríguez, Tito Infanzón, Robert Homar, Juan Casellas, and Adolfo Pagán among its founders.

Light tackle sport fishing continues to gain popularity among enthusiasts of rod and reel discipline. While not suited for every angler due to the required skill and experience, it presents a significant challenge and continues to grow.

In its 78 years and 82 tournaments, ILTTA members have caught and released over 31,000 marlin across the North and South Atlantic, throughout the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico, up and down the Pacific coast, and even in the Indian Ocean.

The purpose of light tackle fishing is to enhance the fish's fighting power, making it more challenging to hook, play, and land your catch. Anglers use light tackle when seeking a greater challenge. Simply put, it's more fun this way! When you want to push your skills to the limit, you can fish with “ultralight” gear.

Advances in Light Tackle

As tournaments shifted towards conservation ethics, lighter tackle became more common. This change also led to increased participation. Species like the blue marlin, when hooked on light tackle, tend to stay near the surface and leap

more frequently during the fight, providing a more enjoyable experience for the angler and crew. Few sights in sport fishing are more thrilling than a blue marlin jumping near the boat.

Advancements in tackle and lightweight technology show no signs of slowing down. Rods, reels, hooks, lines, and leaders are stronger yet thinner and lighter. Fishing gear continues to improve with better harnesses, lighter and safer clothing, and others gear.

While light tackle may not be suitable in many places where large fish are targeted, it has become a popular alternative for anglers who enjoy a challenge.



While destinations for fishing marlin with light tackle abound, heavy tackle will always have its place, especially in the world's big fish destinations. So, next time you must choose, remember, “the harder it pulls on you, the harder you pull back.”

For the undersigned, fishing on light tackle is something very special and immensely satisfying when one achieves a great catch on light or ultralight gear.





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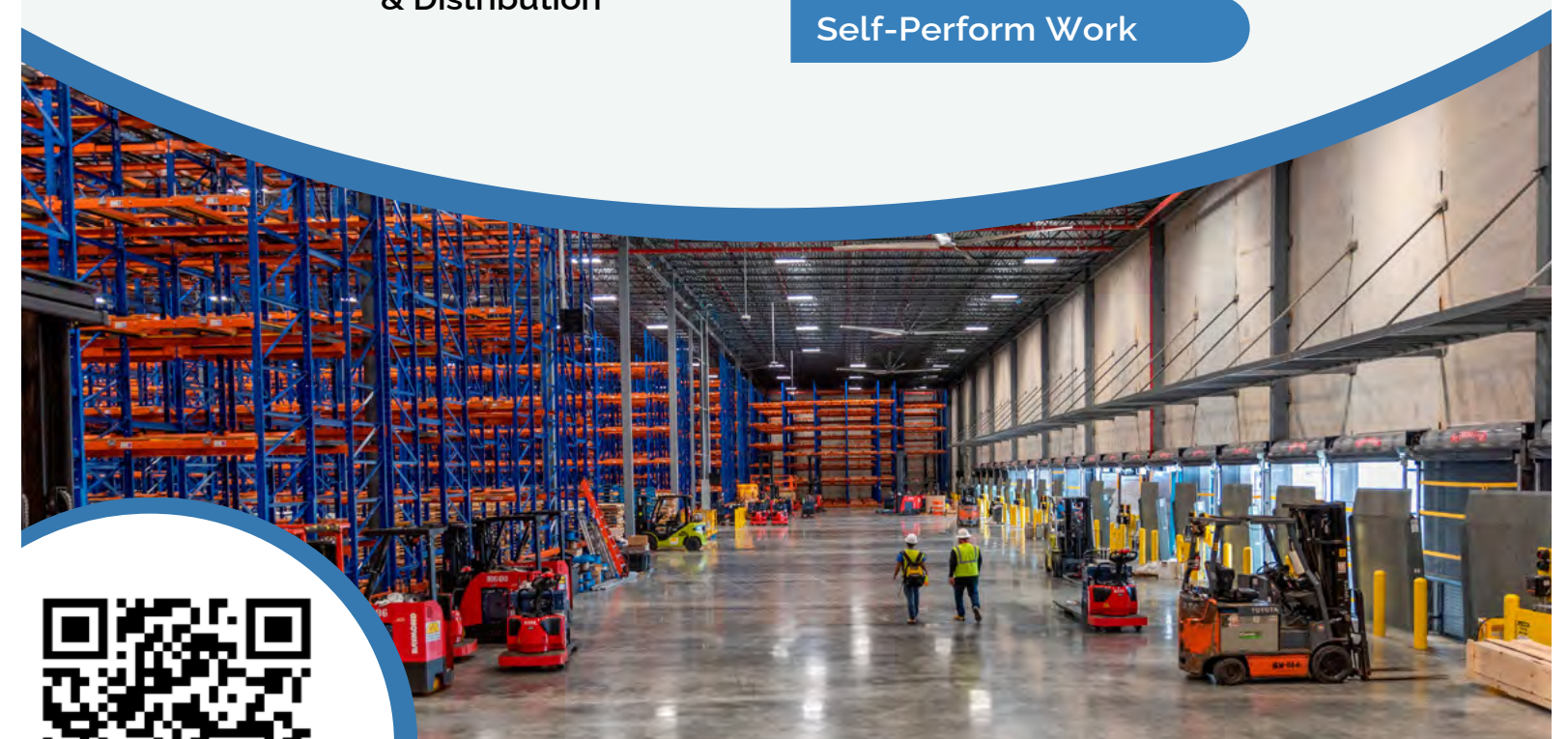
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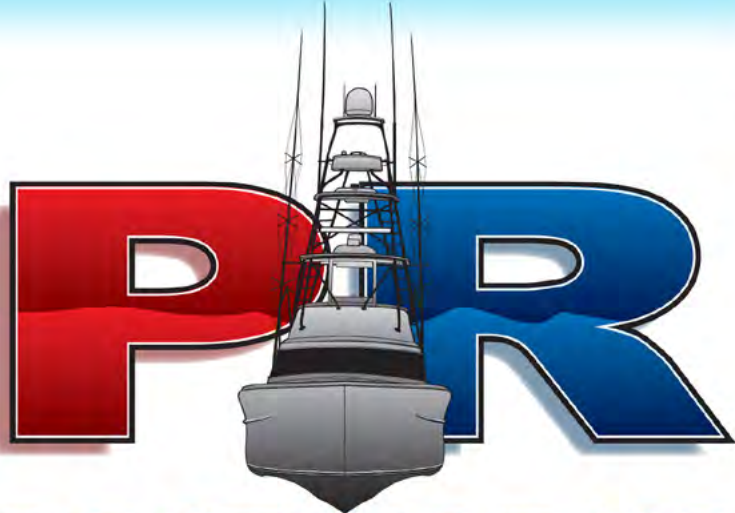


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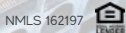
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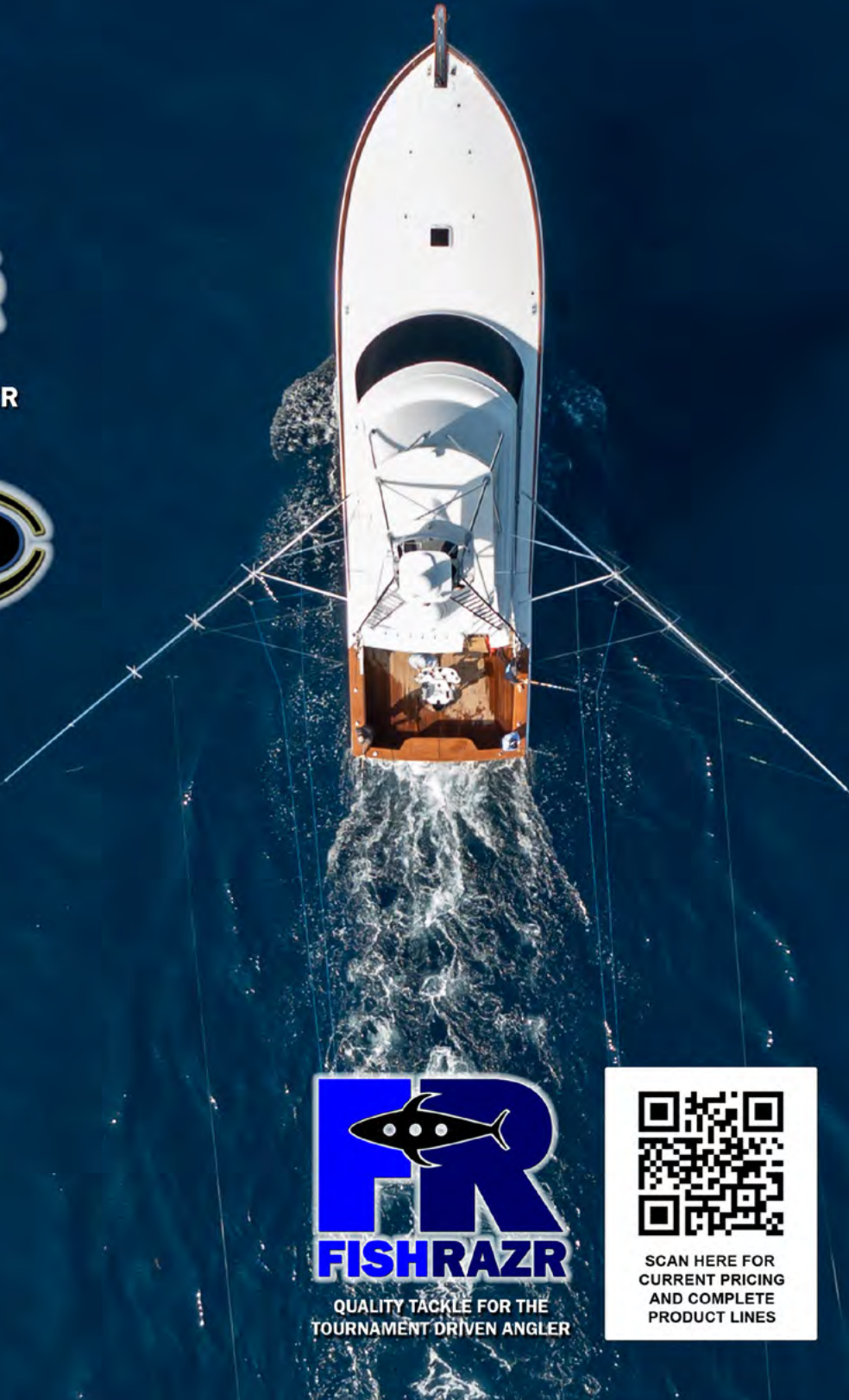
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En este contexto, los deportes y actividades náuticas no son una excepción. De hecho, dada su fuerte conexión con el medio ambiente y, en particular, con los océanos, mares y masas de agua, la sostenibilidad es un tema de especial relevancia.

En esta colaboración, nos sumergimos en algunos principios de sostenibilidad en este ámbito, el impacto ambiental que pueden tener y cómo mitigarlo, las innovaciones sostenibles en equipos y eventos náuticos y, finalmente, el papel que desempeñan estos deportes y actividades en la promoción de la sostenibilidad. Esperamos que este tema aumente la conciencia sobre la importancia de la sostenibilidad en los deportes acuáticos y promueva acciones y prácticas más sostenibles en esta área.

I. Principios de sostenibilidad en los deportes náuticos

La sostenibilidad en los deportes náuticos así como la navegación se basa en tres principios clave: protección ambiental, inclusión social y viabilidad económica. En primer lugar, es fundamental minimizar el impacto ambiental de las actividades náuticas. Esto puede implicar el uso de embarcaciones ecológicas, la promoción de prácticas de navegación limpia y la protección de los ecosistemas marinos. En segundo lugar, los deportes acuáticos deben ser inclusivos y accesibles para todos, independientemente de su edad, género, capacidad o nivel socioeconómico. Esto se puede lograr mediante programas de educación y formación, así como

políticas de igualdad de oportunidades. Por último, los deportes náuticos deben ser económicamente viables. Esto significa que deben poder generar ingresos suficientes para cubrir sus costos, pero también deben contribuir al desarrollo económico local, por ejemplo a través del turismo y la creación de empleo.

2. Impacto ambiental de los deportes náuticos y cómo mitigarlo

Los deportes o actividades náuticas y recreativas, aunque son una fuente de diversión y actividad física, pueden tener un impacto ambiental significativo. Las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero de las embarcaciones motorizadas, la contaminación del agua por combustibles, lubricantes derramados, y la alteración de la vida marina son algunas de las consecuencias ambientales negativas asociadas con estas actividades. Sin embargo, existen soluciones para mitigar estos impactos. La adopción de motores eléctricos o híbridos y combustibles más limpios y eficientes pueden reducir las emisiones de carbono. Asimismo, los barcos se pueden diseñar de forma más sostenible, incluso ya hay muchos astilleros utilizando materiales reciclables y técnicas de construcción que minimicen los residuos tanto en el casco como en el diseño interior. Además, los deportistas náuticos pueden practicar acciones responsables, evitando zonas sensibles a la vida marina, siguiendo las normas locales de protección medioambiental, practicando acciones de cero contaminación de desechos en el agua, practicar la pesca de captura y liberación, así como uso de productos y equipos ecoamigables.

3. Innovaciones sostenibles en equipamiento y eventos para deportes acuáticos

Las innovaciones sostenibles están transformando la forma en que se practican los deportes acuáticos, tanto en términos de equipamiento como de eventos. El desarrollo de embarcaciones ecológicas, como las de vela y motor con energía solar, está reduciendo la dependencia de los combustibles fósiles y reduciendo las emisiones de CO2 en el sector. Además, los fabricantes de equipos están utilizando materiales sostenibles y reciclables, como plásticos reciclados y fibras naturales, para fabricar tablas de surf, remos, chalecos salvavidas, ropas, etc.

En lo que respecta a los eventos, muchos organizadores de torneos, regatas y otras competiciones de deportes acuáticos



están implementando medidas ecológicas, como la gestión de residuos y el abastecimiento de alimentos y bebidas locales, para minimizar su impacto ambiental. También están promoviendo la educación ambiental entre los participantes y espectadores para fomentar una mayor responsabilidad y conciencia ecológica en la comunidad de deportes acuáticos.

4. El papel de los deportes acuáticos en la promoción de la sostenibilidad

Los deportes náuticos juegan un papel fundamental en el fomento de la sostenibilidad, tanto en términos medioambientales como socioeconómicos. Al estar intrínsecamente ligados al agua, estos deportes promueven la conciencia y el respeto por este recurso vital, promoviendo acciones de conservación y limpieza de océanos, ríos y lagos. Además, los deportes acuáticos sostenibles promueven el uso de equipos y materiales ecológicos, así como la adopción de prácticas que minimicen el impacto ambiental. En el aspecto socioeconómico, a través de la formación de empleo local y la promoción del turismo sostenible, los deportes náuticos pueden contribuir al desarrollo de las comunidades costeras y ribereñas, promoviendo la economía circular y la equidad social. En definitiva, los deportes acuáticos son una poderosa herramienta para promover un futuro más sostenible.



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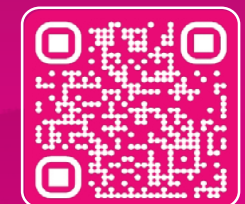
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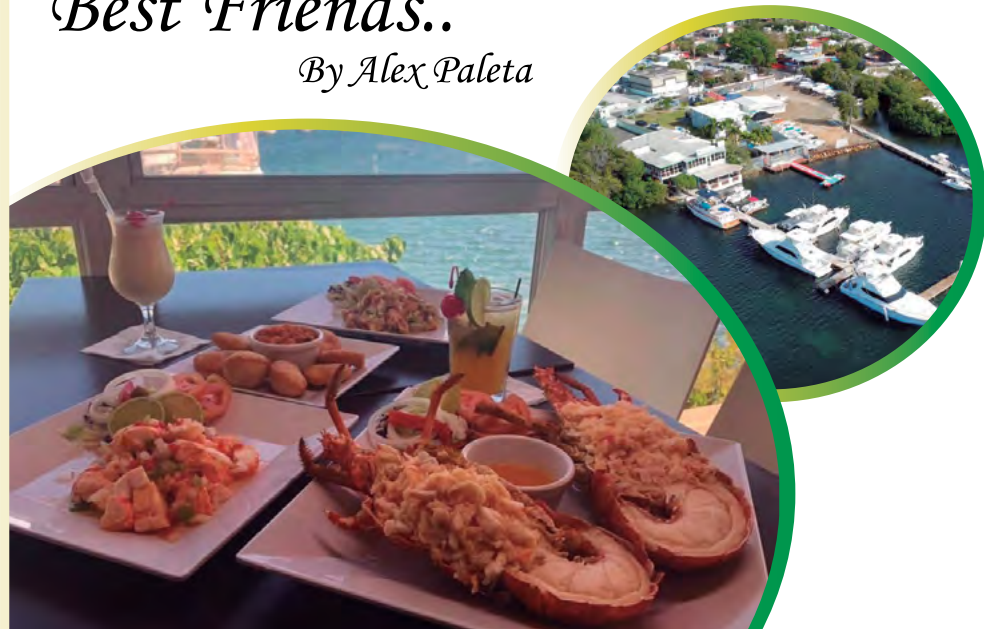
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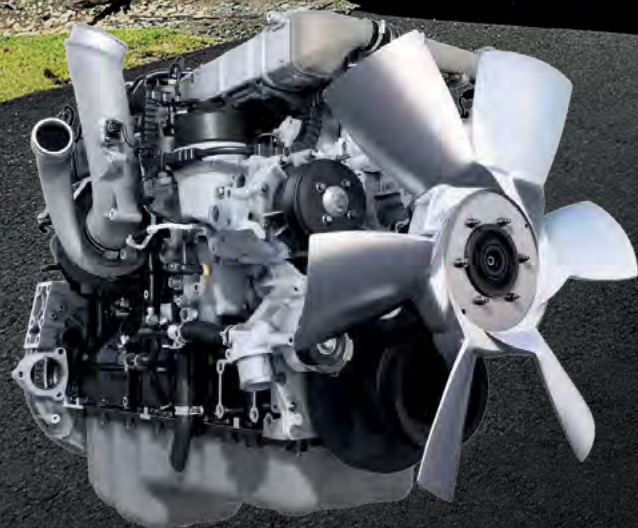


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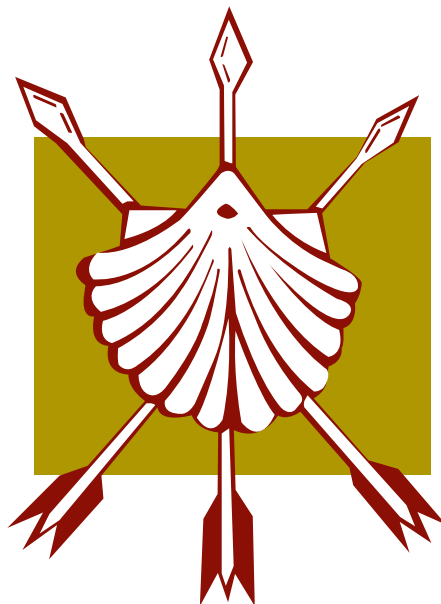


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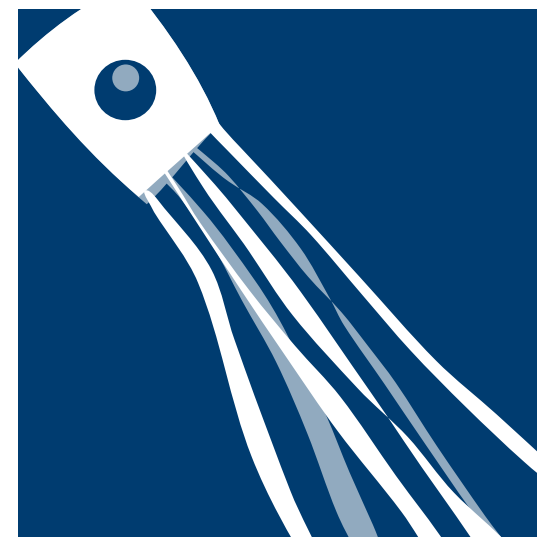
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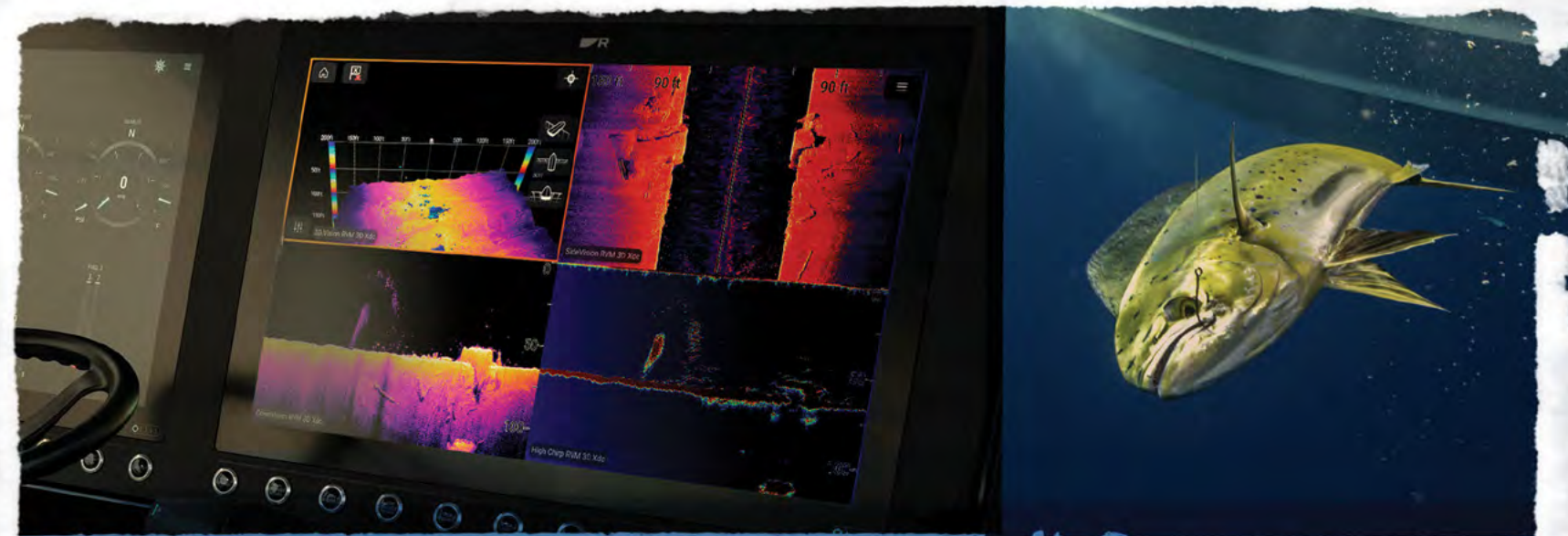
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